



# **RiceBowl Account Creation Tips**

For teachers, creating accounts for many students may seem like a daunting task, but it need not be! Hopefully these ideas will help make the process easier!

## Students 14 years and older:

Freerice.com allows students to self-register his/her own account using his/her own email address. Once they have created an account, s/he can join the Student's Team by clicking on the Student's Team icon found at <a href="http://freerice.com/ricebowl">http://freerice.com/ricebowl</a> or simply visit: <a href="http://freerice.com/content-group/students-ricebowl">http://freerice.com/ricebowl</a>

# Students 13 years and younger:

- Students may register and join the team using a parent's email address or their own email account with parent permission. You can direct parent's to the MLTI RiceBowl page for directions on creating an account (http://mlti.org/ricebowl/help.shtml).
- Teachers may register up to 11 accounts using one email account. In order to create more then one account with the same email account, the birthday provided must be for a child 13 and younger. If you enter a birthday of someone older then 13, the web site will tell you that the email account has already been registered!
  - You can create free email accounts with many providers if your school is unable to generate extra email accounts, such as Google, Yahoo, etc. You can monitor these email accounts for the confirmation emails from Freerice.com. Emails are sent from WFP.Freerice@wfp.org.
    - For each registered account, you will receive an email with the username submitted plus a password. It is recommended that students login and then change the password to one more memorable. You may wish to print out this email and provide it to the student so that s/he may login and choose a more memorable password and join the student team.
    - If a student forgets his/her password, s/he can click the Forgot Password link on the login page. This will ask the student for the email account used to create the account. Freerice.com will send an email to that account with links for each user account created from that email account. Simply follow the appropriate link and you can reset the password and provide it to the student.

#### Suggestions:

- Send a note home to parents with instructions from our web site asking them to assist their student with creating an account. For those families that do not have Internet access, let them know that you can help their student at school.
- In a computer lab or using their MLTI laptops, students can complete the registration page themselves using the email accounts provided by a parent or by you. If the email address is a parent account, the process will need to be completed after the parent receives the confirmation email.

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

## Why does each student need an individual account?

Freerice.com is an adaptive game. As a student answers questions, the game automatically adjusts the difficulty level. The more questions you get correct, the harder the questions. If you answer questions incorrectly, the game asks you easier questions. By adapting to your level, the game is more engaging and allows all students to be challenged at an appropriate level.

## Can I change the degree of difficulty?

Freerice.com will adjust the difficulty as you answer questions. Answer correctly a few times in a row, and the level will go up! If you want to change the level manually, click the "Change Level" link below the question space. Sometimes, if you have not attempted any questions yet, this link presents a blank page. Make sure to answer at least one question first, then click the "Change Level" link.

## Who pays for the rice?

Sponsors purchase advertising on the Freerice.com site. This advertising pays for the donations. You can read more about this at http://www.freerice.com/about.

#### Where does the rice go?

You can read more about this on the Freerice blog: <a href="http://freerice.com/content-blog-post/where-world-did-your-rice-go">http://freerice.com/content-blog-post/where-world-did-your-rice-go</a>. The World Food Programme helps feed the hungry all over the world in places like Haiti, Myanmar, Bangladesh, and Nepal.

#### Does any of the rice help feed the hungry in Maine?

No, Maine is not a recipient of support from the World Food Programme. However, the RiceBowl is a joint-event sponsored by the Maine Learning Technology Initiative, the World Food Programme AND Maine's Good Shepherd Food-Bank. Schools are encouraged to register with GSFB. They will create a unique URL that you can link to from your school's web site that will accept donations online to support their efforts to feed the hungry in Maine.

#### **Important Links:**

http://mlti.org/ricebowl http://freerice.com/ricebowl